

## Welcome to the Autumn Issue!

### Aireworth Vets offers:

- Convenient Surgery Hours
- Qualified, Experienced & Friendly Staff
- 24hr On-site Nursing
- Insurance Advice
- Pet Passports
- In-house Blood Testing
- Hill's Science Plan & Prescription Diets



Aireworth Vets is an RCVS accredited practice

### Nurse Appointments are available for:

- Weight clinics
- Flea & Worm advice
- Senior Pet clinics
- Nail Clipping
- Glaucoma checks
- Blood Pressure
- Pill Administration
- Bandage/Dressing changes

### Opening Times

Monday – Friday  
8.00am to 8.00pm  
Saturday  
8.30am to 4.30pm  
Sunday  
10.30am to 12.00pm  
Bank Holidays:  
Emergency appts.  
available



## IT'S THAT TIME OF YEAR AGAIN!

**Bonfire night** will soon be upon us and by planning ahead we can prepare our pets and keep them **safe** and **stress free**.

Here are a few handy tips:

- Ensure your pet is safely inside and secure doors, windows and cat flaps.
- Allow your dog or cat to hide in a bolthole where they feel safe
- You can increase this feeling of security by plugging in a special diffuser.
- Make sure your dog or cat is micro-chipped. If they do escape frightened animals can easily get lost.
- In the run up to the firework season ensure dogs are used to being taken for walks early in the evening and cats are provided with litter trays.
- Draw curtains, play music or have the TV on to mask the noise of fireworks.
- Ignore any fearful behaviour and do not try and comfort your pet. A dog may pick up on your anxiety and this can make the problem worse. Cats prefer to be left to cope on their own.
- Don't get cross and punish your pet, regardless of their behaviour, as it will only make them more distressed.
- Try not to leave your pet alone when fireworks are going off. Pets may hurt themselves or cause damage if they are not supervised.

Speak to one of our Vets about the range of products available which can be used to give additional support.

The '**Sounds Scary**' CD therapy has been effective in treating firework phobias in dogs so get started now!

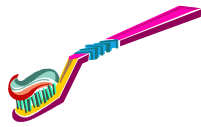
## Do you brush your teeth twice-a-day? What about your pets...

### Pet Portraits

As well as being one of our great vets, **Alison Dunn** is also a talented artist...



As these examples show, **Alison** can create a great oil-painting from your favourite photo.



To prevent dental disease our pets need the same attention that we give our own teeth.

One of the most common problems found in cats and dogs, the majority of dental disease is preventable. September is **PetSmile** month so why not visit [www.petsmile.org](http://www.petsmile.org) where you can find lots of advice, from how to examine your pet's mouth to the signs of dental disease.

At **Aireworth Vets** we understand that brushing your pets teeth twice a day is not always something that can be fitted into a busy schedule (or even possible in the case of older, groucher animals!), so why not ask us about other things you can do to help slow the progression of dental problems.

**You could even bring your pet in for a free nurse appointment to chat about their teeth.**

Remember that infection in the mouth not only makes your pet miserable and sore, it can also affect their internal organs as bacteria get into the bloodstream.

**Imagine having a sore mouth and not being able to do anything about it!**

### ONLINE DRUGS SCANDAL !

Recently research performed by the Royal Pharmaceutical Society showed that many prescription drugs bought online proved to be fake. In an article reported in the British Medical Journal 50% of all drugs seized were fake.

"The internet presents a real danger to people's health," said the society's director of practice and quality improvement.

"Dishonest traders are selling medicines online without any professional qualifications or healthcare expertise".

Pet owners should be aware that prescription medicines bought online could be suffering from similar, if not greater, problems. At **Aireworth Vets** you can be sure that your pets are receiving the correct drug.

### .... AND FINALLY, are you interested in preventative medicine?

**Aireworth Vets** can offer similar check-ups to those your GP would do for you, such as blood pressure, glaucoma monitoring and blood tests. Your pet's body is very good at compensating for problems when they first arise - so you might not notice any symptoms until a problem has become advanced.

If we can identify a problem early - we can help prevent further progression. This might even be something as simple as changing their diet!

**Call us on: 01535 602 988**